

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 58-97 are pending in this application.

Claims 58-97 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Pinard et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,075,851 ("Pinard").

Summary of Applicants' Reply

Applicants have amended claims 58, 64, 68, 74, 78, 84, 88 and 94 in order to more particularly define the claimed invention. No new matter has been added and the amendments are fully supported by the originally-filed application. The Examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants' Reply to the Rejection

Applicants' claimed invention, as defined by amended independent claims 58, 64, 68, 74, 78, 84, 88 and 94, is directed to methods and systems for mapping one or more individuals associated with a user to an object associated with an external database. The methods and systems include, *inter alia*, storing keyphrases in a profile database that are associated with one or more individuals associated with the user. The user is provided with access to the object associated with the external database. The external database is different than the profile database. One or more keyphrases are identified in the object that match keyphrases stored in the profile database. The object is mapped to the one or more individuals.

Pinard generally describes a method of routing calls. A database representing organization chart and a directory is provided. A user may place a call by using

the role of an individual in the organization chart. The role of the individual may be looked up in the database directory to determine the telephone number associated with the particular individual. (Pinard, Abstract, FIG.5, col. 3, lines 1-4, 25-35 and 45-55.)

Applicants respectfully submit that Pinard does not show or suggest identifying one or more keyphrases in an object associated with an external database that match keyphrases stored in a profile database, where the profile database is different from the external database, as defined by applicants' claims 58, 64, 68, 74, 78, 84, 88 and 94. Instead, in Pinard a user looks up a telephone number in a directory stored in a database by way of an organization chart which is in the same database, and thus does not identify keyphrases in a object associated with an external database with those stored in a profile database that is different from the external database. Moreover, because Pinard does not show or suggest identify keyphrases in an object associated with an external database, Pinard cannot show mapping the object to the one or more individuals associated with the user, as defined by applicants' claims.

Accordingly, claims 58, 64, 68, 74, 78, 84, 88 and 94 and each one of claims 59-63, 65-67, 69-73, 75-77, 79-83, 85-93 and 85-97 which depends, directly or indirectly, from claim 58, 64, 68, 74, 78, 84, 88 or 94, are patentable over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

For the reasons set forth above, applicants respectfully submit that this application, as amended, is

in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and prompt allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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